IHP+ Executive Team Meeting, 25 April 2013
Note for the Record

Participants: Sudan, Sierra Leone, Netherlands (for Germany), EC, Civil Society (Northern and Southern), GAVI, Global Fund, DFID, UNICEF, UNAIDS, WHO, WB
Also: Louisiana Lush for item on JANS

ACTIONS:

- ET members to provide additional feedback on the Review of Stakeholders’ Needs paper via email (deadline: May 9th)
- Core Team to implement follow-up actions to the review (as outlined below)
- Core Team to circulate agenda for WHA IHP+ Event
- Next ET meeting: 30 May 2013

AGENDA


This independent review was commissioned in order to improve the impact of the JANS. Louisiana Lush, co-author, provided an overview of the paper, which is divided into three main sections: 1) a review of country, development partner and CSO needs in relation to JANS; 2) unmet needs from the JANS – 10 key needs emerge in the paper; and 3) options & recommended actions for responding to those needs. Although there exist persisting unmet needs, the Review finds that in general the JANS is a useful tool for stakeholders.

Overall, ET members agreed that the paper is well written, provides good insight to partner needs, and suggests useful options for the future. Specifically, participants emphasized the need to deliver concrete results through the JANS. Tools and guidelines can assist in this, but must still take country context into account. Members also supported the recommendation to make changes to funding practices by both agencies and countries, but noted that it may be difficult to achieve in practice. Several members asked questions regarding the role of the JANS in improving implementation of a national strategy, but the Review did not examine this.

Next Steps:

- Update the paper on options for “How to conduct a JANS” by incorporating a number of the findings.
- Review JANS Guidelines and, if needed, amend to respond to issues concerning implementation capacity and focus on results.
- FM issues are already part of IHP+ on-going work in this area.
- Table discussion on more concrete ways forward when country experience in using the “One JANS” approach has emerged.
- Some higher level issues will be part of the current process of agencies’ recommitment to IHP+ principles.

2. Feedback on informal meeting of global health leaders, 18 April in Washington, DC, and on preparation for the World Health Assembly IHP+ Event

Ian Smith, WHO, provided a recap of the meeting, which was attended by the heads and alternates from the H8 agencies, along with representatives from USAID, PEPFAR, DFID, Norway and SIDA. The objective of the meeting was to 1) reach consensus around the 7 major areas of behavior change needed to achieve effective development cooperation & better results, and 2) to identify concrete actions that agencies will take to harmonize and align effort.

There was very strong support among all for the 7 areas of change, and some agencies came forth with specific, institutional change commitments. Leaders agreed on the need to: 1) work together, 2) ensure that IHP+ is country demand driven, 3) maintain a greater focus on results, 4) manage expectations, and 5) emphasize the urgency of the proposed behavior change at the country level through actions, not words. Leaders expressed enthusiasm for supporting countries with fast-tracking the agreed behavior changes, and Senegal was mentioned as a possible first opportunity.

WHA Preparation: The agenda and panelists for the IHP+ Event at the WHA are still being finalized, but the two major objectives are to review obstacles to better results and provide examples of how these can be overcome through country experiences, and to discuss how the behavior change will practically take place. This will require a commitment to IHP+ principles as the default way of working not only in IHP+ signatory countries.